

CALOOSAHATCHEE MARCHING & CHOWDER SOCIETY

November 12, 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Present: Commodore Beverly Duff, Vice Commodore Diane Fowler, Vice Commodore Summerset Steve Romaine, Rear Commodore Racing Steve Roake, Rear Commodore Cruising Ron Maddix, Past Commodore Glen Vetter, Purser Tim Stier, Yeoman Mary Misenheimer, Directors Rodger Pfeiffenberger, Eric Soronen, Russ Green, Mike Smith, Stephen Carpenter and Stephanie Webb. Also present were members Allen Fiske, Jennifer Barch and Bev Slager.

Absent: Paul Steinman and Art Gross

Commodore Duff called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Stephanie Webb made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as distributed by email, Steve Romaine seconded and the motion was approved with unanimous vote.

Old Business:

- **Succession Planning of Board Development:** Commodore Duff reported that there is no conflict with the current by-laws in moving forward and that an Ad Hoc committee is in place. The proposal as presented by Rodger Pfeiffenberger is that the Vice Commodore would be the Chair of a Club Development Committee as an expansion of the Nominating Committee to work throughout the year and into the following year for recruitment of officers and committee chairs. Another function would be to develop committees to continue current programs in place, and retaining the traditions of the club. This would put into effect the Strategic Planning that had been suggested earlier in the year. After discussion, Rodger made a motion that the Club Development Committee be formed with the Vice Commodore as the chair of the committee. The functions of the committee would be with functions to date as the nominating committee, committee support, calendar committee, membership and strategic planning. Stephanie Webb seconded and the motion passed with unanimous vote.
- **Slate of Officers for 2014:** The slate of officers was presented as follows:
 - Commodore – Diane Fowler
 - Vice Commodore – Allen Fiske
 - Vice Commodore Summerset – Steve Romaine
 - Rear Commodore Cruising – John Reekie
 - Rear Commodore Racing – Stan Dale
 - Fleet Yeoman – Diane Pfaff
 - Fleet Purser – Bill Cook
 - Past Commodore – Bev DuffDirectors for 2014-2015: Ian Davis, Kathleen Vance, Dan Merriman, Don Lawson
Directors continuing 2013-2014: Erik Soronen, Mike Smith, Rodger Pfeiffenberger and Stephanie Webb (assigned Steve Carpenter's 2014 term as Steve has tendered his resignation)

New Business:

- Credentials Committee: Commodore Duff will call for and appoint two (2) two members of the Society at the November meeting to serve as the Credentials Committee at the election of officers in December.
- Awards for Change of Watch: Commodore Duff has ordered recognition awards for the officers, directors and committee chairs. Discussion followed concerning perpetual trophies; the cruising and racing commodores will take care of the respective areas. Bev will oversee the fleet champion trophies. Ron Maddix also mentioned that he has the yellow flag to give out, as it was currently held by a racer. Betty Goodacre has not received any nominations for Good Samaritan Award to date.
- Liberty Ashore: Jennifer Barch was present to suggest that the club complete the application to be a customer of US Foods to be eligible for direct delivery and online payment. No vote was needed and the application will be completed; this will expedite food purchases and delivery for many of the club's social functions.
- Change of Watch: Commodore Duff has made the arrangements for the annual dinner to be held at La Venezia in Cape Coral on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014. A menu was presented for the board to choose from selections; it was decided to include appetizers which would bring the total cost per person to \$25.00. Discussion was held concerning entertainment, either live music or DJ. With the event being held on Friday night the consensus was that a band would not be worth the cost. Stephanie Webb moved that the club subsidize up to \$10.00 per person to keep the cost at \$20.00 per plate. Tim Stier amended the motion with Stephanie's consent that the Commodore makes arrangements at her discretion and the club to subsidize \$10.00 per member. Erik Soronen seconded and all voted aye.
- Commodore's Dinner: The Commodore's dinner will be Saturday, Dec. 7 at the CC Yacht Club. The Commodore is planning a catered Barbecue dinner.
- December Holiday membership meeting: The club will provide the entrée; Jennifer will order beef, chicken and fish for the main dishes and club members will bring potluck. Diane Fowler will contact the Harney Point Kiwanis to receive donations of toys, and Bev will contact a member to make arrangements with the Cape Coral Caring Center for the food/cash donations.

Officer Reports:

Fleet Purser - Tim Stier had sent via email a draft budget for 2014 to assist the new Board when approving a budget to be adopted. He requested the Board review the draft and make recommendations at the December Board meeting

Vice Commodore Summerset – Steve Romaine has sent thank you letters to sponsors and photos of participants. He has met with representatives from the Pink Shell Resort to begin plans for the 2014 Summerset Regatta. Marla Parker will be the new Administrator of the Grant Fund as Chuck Milbrandt has resigned after serving in this capacity for several years. Steve made a motion that based on the fact that Summerset 2013 realized a profit of \$13,000 and more to distribute and allocate \$12,200 of these funds to the CMCS Grant Fund and to sailing and marine activities for youth as follows:

Edison Sailing Center Grant Fund allocation – 30 grants = \$6,000.00
ESC Annual memberships and youth travel = \$3,000.00
Punta Gorda youth sailing organizations = \$1,200.00
Naples youth sailing organizations = \$1,000.00
Marco Island youth sailing organizations = \$200.00
Ostego Bay Foundation = \$800.00

Tim Stier asked to amend the motion with Steve's OK to read that the total operating profits from Summerset 2013, approximately \$13,500.0 be designated for youth sailing. This would allow disbursements to be made throughout the year as needed. Glen Vetter seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Rear Commodore Cruising – Ron Maddix – the next cruise will be the Sanibel Bight/Macomber Book Signing cruise November 22-24, followed by the Thanksgiving cruise November 27 – December 1. Ron reported that 19 cruises are scheduled for 2014 many of which need cruise leaders. Discussion followed on ways to incentivize members to participate in leading cruises. Ron will be actively recruiting cruise leaders at the next membership meetings.

Rear Commodore Racing – Steve Roake is happy to report that the Commodore's Cup race on December 7 is the last race for 2013 and that the racing schedule has been finalized for 2014.

Committee Reports: (From liaisons)

Clubhouse Programs: Mary Misenheimer – the November meeting will have a safety program presented by Steve Roake. There will be a demonstration on the proper use of flares and how to dispose of outdated flares. If anyone has 25 mm flares those are needed for the program.

Membership: Russ Green has been in contact with Jean Andrews who has recruited assistance in contacting guests at prior meetings as follow-up. It was suggested that an email blast be sent to remind members of the Nov. 30 deadline for renewal.

Website Guru: Glen Vetter has posted the 2014 cruising schedule on the website. He also reported that phishing is becoming a problem and will ask for emails from members for setting passwords.

Good of the Order: With no further business at 9:40 P.M. a motion was made by Stephanie to adjourn; there were several seconds to the motion and unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Misenheimer,
Fleet Yeoman